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The revolution after revolution in various parts of Russia makes Mexico look not so bad after all.

Surrender—actual surrender—of U-boats by Germany means that Germany is on her way toward peace.

Ex-Emperor Charles of Austria and ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany wish it known that neither actually signed abdication papers. But they are just as completely severed from their old jobs as if they had signed the papers.

Americans are anxious as ever to spread their gold throughout Europe, no less than 100,000 applications for passports having already been received in Washington. European countries will, of course, ask the United States to withhold passports until Europe is able to feed itself. To have several hundred thousand additional people dumped unceremoniously and without justification on them would be too much of a burden for these hunger-stricken countries to bear. The people of the United States ought to realize the situation and curb their desire to go across to see the sights.


The recurrence of the Spanish influenza at various places in New England, including Hardwick in our own state, during the past week calls sharply to the attention of all the necessity for maintaining strict quarantine of cases if we are to avoid a repetition of some of the terrible experiences of last September and October. As soon as a suspected case develops there should be prompt isolation and only those persons who are properly prepared should be allowed to enter the room in which the patient remains. Visiting back and forth between families under such conditions should be strictly cut off. It was the late Dr. Francis Ennis, the Burlington health officer who himself fell a victim to the influenza, who made the remark that the spread of the disease last fall was in large measure due to the habit of people visiting back and forth regardless of the condition of persons in any of the households concerned. Therefore, for the time being refrain from indulging in the visiting habit if there should be an outbreak of cases of influenza.

ANOTHER GOOD RECORD FOR VERMONT.

Vermont made a splendid record in contribution to the national United War Work fund, not only exceeding the minimum quota fixed for the state but even subscribing the maximum and, besides, doing it soon enough so that one of the huts to be constructed in the European war zone will probably be named after the state, it having been promised that the first ten states to subscribe their quotas would have that distinction. In every call, whether in men or in money, whether in materials or in morale, Vermont has been prompt to come to the assistance of the government and the men who were fighting for that government. It has done its full share in upholding the honor and integrity of the nation. The result of the campaign for the United War Work fund maintained that reputation for patriotic devotion and the people of the state are to be congratulated because of their response. There now remains one other phase of war work activity in which Vermont can do its part, and that is by purchasing war savings stamps during the remainder of the time in which that campaign operates. The state has already invested more than four millions of dollars in this United States government security but still has a considerable distance to go before the \$20 per capita is reached. The next few weeks ought to witness a grand rush to fulfill this obligation on the state. Let's be up with the leaders in this movement.

COUNTING UP WAR'S TOLL.


Great Britain is the first of the great nations, which fought in the war, to reveal the casualties sustained. The figures are large but not so large as had been estimated by those who have been marking up the summaries of the losses of the whole war. It had been estimated that Great Britain lost a million men in killed, which statement is belied by the figures presented by James Ian MacPherson, parliamentary secretary for the war office, who announces that the total British killed on all fronts was 658,665 in total casualties of 3,049,901. By far the hardest fighting was seen against the Germans on the Franco-Belgian front, and it was there that the vast preponderance of losses was sustained. It is likely, too, that a considerable percentage of the losses sustained there were experienced early in the conflict when the British infantry had to stand up against the terrific cannonading of the enemy without having the support of cannon worthy of the name when compared with the monster pieces used by the Germans. The brave infantrymen were shot to pieces, borne down and, in decimated ranks, compelled to withdraw before the onslaught of the foe which was immeasurably stronger in artillery. That was



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when the British suffered all out of proportion to the number of men engaged. Since then more men have been lost but never in such proportion as during the bloody retreat before the German hordes. Moreover, the improvement of the medical and surgical branches of the army, as of all armies, through experience, was an effective agency toward reducing the deaths from wounds, so that the loss of man-power was nowhere near as crushing as during the first few months of the struggle. But even so, the total British casualties are a striking commentary on the awful ravages of war. We are beginning to count the real cost of the war.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Town's Quota in United War Work Drive More Than Met.

Williamstown oversubscribed its quota in the United War Work drive, having raised the sum of \$2,000.80, while the quota was \$2,000. The chairman of the drive was Rev. John Irons who, with others, put in a great deal of work that Williamstown might go over the top. Social dance at grange hall Friday night. Music by Gilbertson's orchestra; 75c per couple.—adv.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Peace."

Editor, Barre Times: November, the month of Thanksgiving, unfolds, not merely the causes of turbulence and strife, but the obligations of the nation to God, the supreme ruler, for removing such causes and imparting the hallowed influences of peace. For four years the mind has been confronted with the horrors of war, producing the anxious thought, "Shall the progress made in all departments of life, spiritually, educationally and socially, fall a victim to the demoralizing encroachment of an adverse enemy or nation?" For some time we watched the enemies' progress and beheld the awful devastation made. The impossibility to stop further devastation demanded us as a nation to enter the conflict. Responding to the call of the president, our boys went forth, carrying with them stability of character, firmness in the principles of truth, and under the unsurpassed leadership of the allied armies convincing the enemy of the truth of that biblical expression, "So far shalt thou go (come) and no farther." That this command could be perfected, the noble lives had to be given. This is the sorrow of the heart, but while their bodies are resting in the land of France, the echo of their voices is still heard bearing the testimony of their heroic willingness to maintain the honor and integrity of this nation.

Peace has come, the harbinger of salvation. Her voice is heard, her influence has gone forth. As the night of terrific storm gives place to the gentle calmness of the opening dawn of morning, so peace rises with gentleness and serenity, bidding, commanding the storm of battle to give place to her hallowed influences. With all the readjustments necessary to bring in oneness all distractions made, we welcome it, knowing underneath her wings are the possibilities of safety and love. We welcome the boys that are spared to return home, not forgetting the homes that still will have the vacant chair. To such homes our prayers ascend to the great Author of Peace, that His holy influences may dwell richly with the bereaved ones. May this proclamation of peace lead us to think not only on the

devastation made in the lives of all by sin, but to realize that sin can be overcome by the all-sufficient gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. C. A. Lay. Topsham, Nov. 19.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Flight of William II.

In his flight to Holland with the crown prince, William II. follows the road taken by his grandfather, William I., in the revolution of 1848. If that revolution had not been put down by the well-disciplined armies of autocracy, the history of Germany and of the world would have taken a very different course, and the chief causes of the present catastrophe would have been taken away. To destroy the liberal and republican sentiment which led to that flare-up was the chief preoccupation of the reaction rulers of Germany, and to that end they used the schools, the army and the bureaucratic machine. The schools taught a mischievous jingo patriotism, the army won glorious and profitable victories, the government placated the masses with welfare legislation. As a result Germany's rulers buried liberalism only to see it spring up two generations later as socialism. With the revolution of '48 the king of Prussia could readily have made terms that would have put not Prussia only but all Germany on the way to a healthy democratic development like that of England.

The great split between the masses and the upper and middle classes which gave socialism so tremendous a development in Germany goes back to the suppression of the revolution which drove William I. to hasty flight in 1848. The Hohenzollern sowed the wind and reaps the whirlwind.—Springfield Republican.



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